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PURIM TO BE USHERED IN MONDAY EVE. MARCH 14

FAST OF ESTHER OBSERVED MONDAY, MARCH 14th

Purim, one of the minor festivals of the Jewish calendar is observed on the 14th day of Adar, coinciding this year with Tuesday, the 15th day of March.

On Monday evening, March 14, Mincha Services will commence at 5:45 P.M. in Congregations Adath Jeshurun, Agudath Achim, Machzikei Hadath and B'nai Jacob, followed by Maariv at 6:15 P.M., after which the "Megillat Esther" will be read. At the Agudath Israel Congregation, Evening Services and the Purim Celebration will commence at 7:15 P.M.

On Tuesday morning, March 15, Services in Congregations Adath Jeshurun, Agudath Achim, Machzikei Hadath and B'nai Jacob will start at 7:00 A.M., and in the Agudath Israel at 8:00 A.M.

MIZRACHI ANNUAL DINNER TO BE HELD MARCH 20

Ottawa Mizrahi's Eleventh Annual Dinner in aid of Mizrahi's Expansion Fund will be held on Sunday evening, March 20, at 6:30 P.M., in the Vestry Rooms of the Agudath Israel Congregation, 30 Rossmount Avenue.

The name of a prominent guest speaker from Israel will be announced shortly.

Cantor Sholom Katz of Washington, D.C., considered as one of the world's foremost interpreters of Synagogue melodies will be the guest artist. Cantor Katz had the distinct honour of being guest artist at the last World Zionist Congress in Basle.

Tickets are \$1.50 each and may be procured from Mr. S. Spevak, telephone 4-1916 or any member of the Mizrahi organization.

This year's Committee is composed of the following: Honorary Chairmen: Rabbi E. L. Lifschutz, Rabbi B. Kravetz; Co-Chairmen: H. Bessin, S. Spevak; Treasurer: A. Brumberg; Secretary: S. A. Epstein; Captain of Teams: M. N. Drazin; Members: Rev. N. Borenstein, Rev. J. Rabin, Rev. S. Schreiber, D. Baker, I. Beiles, B. Cantor, J. Gladstone, L. Kapeller, P. Weltman, M. Woolfson.

PLEASE NOTE

The J.D.C. Campaign Committee would appreciate your co-operation by not planning any functions on either May 17 or May 25, which are the dates inaugurating the 1949 Campaign.

ARCHITECTS ENGAGED FOR SYNAGOGUE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT

RECREATION CENTRE BEING OPENED FOR OTTAWA YOUTH

At long last, the desire for an attractive social and recreational meeting place for our teenagers and adolescents is being realized through the efforts of the Youth Committee of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir.

The members of the Adath Jeshurun Congregation have graciously placed their Vestry Rooms at the disposal of the Youth Committee to meet the needs of the young people of our community until such time as the first portion of the Synagogue and Jewish Community Centre Building is completed.

Scheduled to be opened about the middle of March, the recreation centre will consist of a combination music and reading room, a larger room for games and dancing, as well as facilities for a canteen. The floors have been redone and drapes have been ordered to make the rooms as attractive as possible. The Ottawa Section of the National Council of Jewish Women has been good enough to undertake a canvass for comfortable chairs, chesterfields, tables, lamps and a combination radio and record player. If you can assist this vital project by donating any of these items, please contact Mrs. A. Haltrecht at 5-7652.

News of this undertaking was enthusiastically received at a meeting of representatives of all youth groups in the community held on Sunday evening, March 6 in the Talmud Torah Auditorium. The Youth Committee Chairman outlined the steps which have been taken thus far and stressed the need for co-operation from every group and individual in order to ensure the success of this venture. He also pointed out that a rotating system of chaperons is being arranged from amongst the senior women's organizations in the community.

A Youth Council composed of representatives of all youth organizations was formed to operate the centre. Morley Sobcuff was elected President and Rose Kardash was elected Secretary. A meeting of this Council will be held within the next few days to work out specific details.

Watch for a public announcement indicating the official opening date.

The community will be interested to learn that construction of the first portion of the Synagogue and Jewish Community Centre Project will be commenced within the next few months, and that the Executive has engaged the services of two well-known Ottawa firms, Messrs. Hazelgrove and Lithwick and Messrs. Abra, Balharrie and Shore as Associate Architects for that purpose. The architects are now engaged in preparing plans and specifications and will shortly be in a position to ask for tenders for the building.

The portion to be proceeded with now is part of the entire project which will ultimately be built in accordance with the Report of the Planning Committee and the sketch plans prepared by the Building Bureau of the National Jewish Welfare Board of New York, which have been approved by the contributors. With the funds presently available, it will be possible to build only part of the project at this time, and the Executive has therefore decided to authorize immediate construction of that portion for which there is the most need.

The first unit, therefore, will consist of a two storey and basement building, fronting on Chapel Street, and will include an auditorium capable of seating 600 at concerts, lectures, meetings, etc., and over 400 at banquets and dinners. There will also be a stage and dressing rooms, complete kitchen and pantry as well as the usual cloakrooms, vestibules, etc. Ample space is to be provided for recreation, lounge rooms and smaller meeting rooms, and perhaps a canteen.

More complete details will be disclosed at an early date. In the meantime, the Officers wish to take this opportunity of informing the Community of the important steps that have been initiated.

A REMINDER

All authorized persons soliciting funds for Jewish causes in Ottawa carry Vaad Ha'Ir receipt books. If you are approached by persons without authorization, please call the Vaad Ha'Ir office at 3-9379 for verification.

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PURIM TODAY

No other holiday is as symbolic of the Jewish present as is Purim. No other holiday is as meaningful to this generation, nor can as easily be understood by it. Purim could have occurred in our day. Its meaning is carved in our living flesh. The old Megillah pictures, the same persecutions, vilifications, accusations, plots and decrees with which we are familiar—and thank G-d, the happy ending as well.

An anti-Semite gains power. All men are commanded to slavishly kneel and bow before him. The chapter of Jewish persecutions begins. First there are the usual accusations. Jews are different; they have unique laws; they are injurious to society; they should be exterminated. The decree of annihilation is published. This is the outline. Once the locale was Shushan and the villain of the piece was Haman. Another time it may be Berlin and the villain is named according to the locale. The content of the Diaspora drama, however, is always the same.

Haman's anger was motivated by the refusal of one man to bow before him; one man, who being a Jew, refused to worship any man. But the decree did not confine itself to those Jews who were loyal to Jewish tradition. It proclaimed death to all Jews, including those who had rejected or forgotten their Jewishness—even to those who had been happy to worship at Haman's feet. But always in times such as this, it is those Jews who stand fearlessly armed with the unique qualities of our ancestors. Jews who live by the spirit of faith in the G-d-given Torah and Israel's sacred traditions, that can meet the danger and bring about "miraculous" rescue. Purim has at all times taught the Jew not to place too much reliance upon the good-will of the nations. Today, the lesson has been brought home to us again, that our salvation and redemption can come about only through the blessing given to our own effort by the Almighty.

Purim is distinguished as the holiday that points out a program for our survival. It contains a lesson for all our generations. Its story unfolds not only a picture of a people in exile. It also reveals the remarkable secret of our survival, the mystery of our eternal existence.

"There is one people scattered and dispersed." That is the source of our woe: Not only the outward dispersion is the cause of the evil that has befallen us. It is the inward scattering, the chaotic condition of our Jewish life, the breakdown and disintegration of the centrality of Judaism, that has helped to bring us to this perilous pass.

Never before have we suffered so severely as today from the disease of chaos and confusion. Non-traditional individuals and groups without number claim to be interpreters of Jewish life for our times. We are today cursed with too many would be "Judaisms," while we are in the process of losing the one Judaism that has throughout our history kept us alive and unified.

"Go and gather all the Jews," was Esther's prophetic call. Nothing will serve us better at this stage; nothing can do more to improve our condition than to unify ourselves under the banner of the one Judaism that bases itself on Torah and Tradition, the only kind of Judaism that inherently contains the divine strength and vitality that can keep us a people no matter how terrible the conditions under which we may live.

Our Sages tell us that Purim is one of the few holidays that will never be abolished. Purim proclaims the eternity of Israel. Haman and his like have come and gone but Israel lives forever. The Torah, his heritage, cannot be extinguished as long as the spark of the Divine is revealed within the heart of man. The story of Purim, never old, tells us that righteousness must succeed, that man's inhumanity to man can only bring about the downfall of all.

To us this Purim spells a redoubling of our efforts for our faith, our people and our land, so that once again "Out of Zion shall come Torah, and the word of G-d from Jerusalem."

BOOK NOTES

By Deborah Lifschutz

THE RICH MAN. By Henry Kreisel. McLelland and Stewart Ltd. Toronto, Canada. 1949. 263 pp.

"The Rich Man" is the story of a Canadian immigrant who has toiled for the greater part of life, and who, after his wife's death, feels that he wants to visit his mother in Europe. He sets out, with his hard-earned money that he has saved penny by penny, with just enough for passage and return. Upon his arrival, he is treated royally, until his family asks him to help them financially and he informs them that

he is not at all the "rich man" that they imagined him to be.

The story is well told, and the characters are well presented. One wonders, however, whether Jacob Grossman, the hero of this story really found so deplorable a picture of family life upon his arrival to his childhood home. It is not a pretty picture that Mr. Kreisel paints, although it is quite realistically done.

"The Rich Man" is a first novel by Henry Kreisel, a young Jewish Viennese, who came to Canada with a group of internees during the war. After being adopted by a family in Toronto, he attended the University there, where he received his Master's Degree in very short time. He is presently teaching English at the University of Alberta.

THE SONCINO CHUMASH. Soncino Press Ltd. London, England. \$5.00. 1203 pp.

First published in 1947, the Soncino Chumash has become a favourite companion volume to modern traditional Jews desiring to follow the weekly Torah and Prophetic Readings with the aid of an English commentary. Both the Hebrew and English texts are printed side by side.

It differs from the "Pentateuch and Haftorahs" edited by the late Chief Rabbi Dr. J. H. Hertz in the plan and content of the commentary. The latter supplies exegetical notes combining modern scholarship and traditional Jewish lore. In the Soncino Chumash, an ambitious plan was adopted which has never been attempted before, viz., to present a digest of the commentaries of the foremost French, Spanish and Italian Jewish Bible expositors dating from the eleventh to the seventeenth centuries; e.g., Rashi, Abraham Ibn Ezra, Rashbam, David Kimchi, Obadiah Ben Jacob Sforno and Nachmanides. These commentators regarded the Bible as the word of G-d, and consequently as an inexhaustible storehouse of wisdom to which they could always turn for inspiration and guidance. They turned to the four main sources to find material for their commentaries. These were the Agadah (homiletical) and Midrash (textual studies—legalistic and homiletical) of the Rabbis, the Arabic and Jewish philosophy derived from Plato and Aristotle, non-Jewish, and specifically Arabic literature, and the Cabala or mystic lore.

In addition to Biblical exegesis, they, as a rule, were versatile in the scientific learning of their day, viz., mathematics, medicine, grammar and lexicography. These interests determined the character of the commentaries. For their time, they were 'scientific' in principle, and so highly valued that Latin translations were made of some of them. Thus, they exercised great influence upon Christian students of the Bible.

The labor involved in the preparation of this volume has been tremendous. It is highly recommended to every cultured Jew.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

PURIM: IN ALL ITS RICH UNVARNISHED GLORY

NO FACTS OMITTED — GAY OR GORY

BY ABRAHAM BURSTEIN — MINSTREL HOARY

In days of yore a king's command
Was carried out on every hand.
And he who dared to disobey,
With life and fortune had to pay.
Consider King Ahasuerus
And what a long-remembered fuss
He raised because his queen
Before his guests would not be seen.
Of course, his guests were rather drunk.
And some beneath the table sunk,
But king's decrees were always made
With but one view—to be obeyed.
At any rate, his retinue
Aghast at such unmeet ado,
Advised the king to fire this one,
And get a new queen. So 'twas done.

Throughout the Persian Empire then.
They sent some quite discerning men,
To gather every maiden in
Whose looks the royal eye might win.
Among them was a lass named Esther—
For this her brethren later blessed her—
Who, mid the others squeezed (or squosen)
Was as the kingly consort chosen.

The king knew naught of Esther's race
But gloried in her pretty face.

Next to the king, in Persia's realm
A man named Haman held the helm—
A Haman vain and hard and bad,
Vile false, and cruel, proud and mad.

Now Mordecai would not bow down
To any self-important clown
He sat before the palace gate,
Ignoring Haman's prideful state—
At which the Persian grew so riled.
He acted positively wild!

I hate the Jews! I hate them all!
He cried, "I'm mad enough to bawl!
I'll ask the king to choose a date,
When all of them will get the gate!"

The king, when Haman told his lies,
About those worthless Hebrew "guys"
Took off his ring and signed a paper,
To turn the Jewish name to vapor.
And by a drawing—Purim called—
The date was set, a parchment scrawled.
And through the whole great kingdom
bawled.

Now, Mordecai, who still defied,
The wicked Haman's sneering pride,
And again humiliated

The villain whom his people hated
(You've read the Bible tale, of course.
Of Mordecai, Haman and the horse)
At once sent messengers to the queen
Of what he'd heard and seen.

She wouldn't interrupt the king.
She said no matter what the stress,
While he was at his game of chess.
Men died for just that very thing.
But Mordecai replied at once,
"Come be your age. Don't play the dunce!
If all the Jews must meet with death.
What chance have you to save your breath?"

The logic of that statement hit her—
And how in accents dire and bitter.
The queen denounced her cruel foe.
I'm sure that all my readers know.
They strung up Haman on the pole
Set up as Esther's uncle's goal.

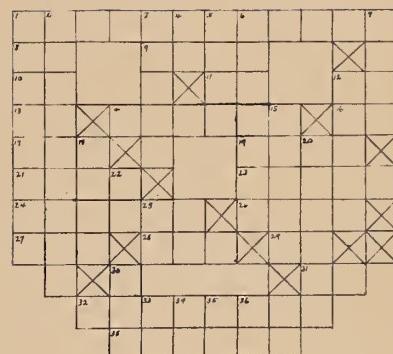
In truth no man will find a quarrel
With Purim's story and the moral.
It wasn't that the king would care
If every Hebrew took the air.
But take the queen! — that's not so fine.
And that was where he drew the line
He'd lost one queen not long before,
And had no wish to lose some more.
It wasn't such a simple thing
To find a match for Persia's king.

COMPLETING PURIM TERMS

In column 2 are words which complete the idea begun in column 1. Put the corresponding numbers next to them.

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2
1. Shabbat	Adar
2. Fourteenth	Monos
3. Taanith	Purim
4. Shalach	Teresh
5. Seudath	Esther
6. Shushan	Zachor
7. Bigthan	Spielber
8. Haman	Purim
9. Purim	Esther
10. Megillath	Zeresch

PURIM MASK PUZZLE



HORIZONTAL

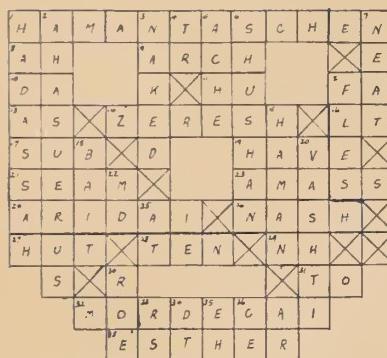
- Purim cakes.
 - Exclamation.
 - Curve.
 - District Attorney (abbrev.).
 - He (Hebrew).
 - Note of scale.
 - Like.
 - Haman's wife.
 - Light (abbrev.).
 - Prefix meaning 'under'.
 - Possess.
 - Scar.
 - Gather.
 - One of Haman's sons.
 - A make of car.
 - Hovel.
 - How many sons did Haman have?
 - New Hampshire (abbrev.).
 - Toward.
 - Esther's uncle.
 - Heroine of Purim story.

VERTICAL

1. Esther.
 2. King of Persia.
 3. Nude.
 4. Teacher (abbrev.)
 5. Pain.
 6. Capital of Persia
 7. Tidy.
 12. Meat.
 15. Villain of Purim
 18. Trap.
 20. Queen of Persia.
 22. Maryland (abbrev.)
 25. near.
 30. Fish eggs.
 33. Royal Service (abbrev.)
 34. Delirium Tremens (abbrev.)
 35. Exclamation.
 36. Canadian Electric (abbrev.)

TEST YOUR MEMORY

1. Esther's father was called
2. Mordecai was Esther's
3. Esther was also called
4. Purim falls on the _____ of Adar.
5. The _____ is read on the eve of Purim and on the morning of Purim.
6. Mordecai and Esther were descendants of the tribe of
7. The word Purim means
8. The story of Purim took place during the reign of _____
9. The day before Purim is called
10. The ancestors of Haman were the
11. The Purim Carnival held in Palestine is called
12. A 'gragger' is a
13. The sending of gifts is called
14. The special Purim cakes are called
15. The day after Purim is called

ANSWERS TO PURIM PUZZLE**ANSWERS TO TEST YOUR MEMORY**

1. Avichayil
2. First Cousin
3. Hadassah
4. Fourteenth
5. Megillah
6. Benjamin
7. Lots
8. Ahasuerus
9. Tannith Esther
10. Amalekites
11. Adloyoda
12. Noisemaker
13. Mishloach Monos
14. Hamantaschen
15. Shushan Purim.

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PURIM LAWS AND CUSTOMS

1. The Sabbath before Purim is known as "Parshas Zachor"—the Sabbath when we read as the Maftir (prophetic) portion the paragraph reminding us not to forget what Amalek did to our fathers after the Exodus from Egypt—when they attacked our fathers when they thought they were safe—to remember at all times that the Lord will save us from tyranny and oppression.

2. The day before Purim is "Taanith Esther"—a fast day to commemorate the fast which Esther and all the Jews observed in their appeal to G-d for rescue.

3. The Megillah or Scroll of Esther is read in the Synagogue immediately after Maariv, the evening service and at the Shachris (morning) service.

4. It is customary to give three half dollars before the reading of the Megillah to be distributed to the needy. They correspond to the half shekel donated by every adult Jew during Temple days.

5. A mourner is obliged to hear the Megillah even during the week of Shivah.

6. On the morning of Purim, three men are called to the Torah. After the Sefer Torah has been returned to the Ark, the Megillah is read. Tefillin are not removed until after the conclusion of the reading of the Megillah.

7. It is the duty of every man, woman and child to hear the Megillah read on the eve of Purim and also in the morning.

8. Gifts — known as "Sh'lach Monos" (sending of gifts) are customarily exchanged. Matanos L'evyonim (Gifts to the Poor) are usually distributed.

9. The Purim feast (S'udah) is held before sundown on the 14th day of Adar, this year coinciding with March 15th. The meal should be started while it is still daytime—but it may be continued as late as desired.

10. The day after Purim is known as "Shushan Purim" in memory of the fact that the Jews of Shushan, the capital of Persia, celebrated Purim a day later, since they were engaged in battle an additional day.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE OF "JEWISH HOME BEAUTIFUL"

By popular request a repeat performance of "The Jewish Home Beautiful" will take place on Wednesday evening, March 16, at 8:30 P.M., in the Agudath Israel Congregation. Unused tickets will be valid.

OTTAWA WOMEN'S ORT CABARET NITE AND DANCE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

For Tickets call Mrs. A. Cooper—8-4702w.

CANTOR SHOLOM KATZ TO CONDUCT MAARIV SERVICE ON MARCH 18

As a Mizrachi service to the community at large, arrangements have been completed by the local organization for Cantor Sholom Katz of Washington, D.C., and choir to conduct the Maariv Service at Congregation Agudath Achim, 417 Rideau Street, on Friday evening, March 18, at 5:45 P.M. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

JEWISH THEATRE GUILD REACTIVIZED IN OTTAWA

"Everybody wants to get into the act" cries Jimmy Durante, and in the Jewish Theatre Guild, everybody does get into the act! Whether you prefer drama, comedy, mystery, tragedy or just play reading, or whether you are interested in directing, scenery, makeup or costuming, the Guild needs you and will welcome your participation. Meetings are held on Monday evenings, at 8:30 P.M., in the Talmud Torah, 453 Rideau Street.

An auspicious beginning was made at the last meeting of the Guild on February 28, when the following slate of officers for 1949 was elected:

President: I. L. Cohen; Vice-President: Miss B. Cardash; Secretary: Miss M. Schachtel; Treasurer: Miss E. Camnitzer; Member-at-large: E. Potechin; Advisory Board: Mrs. R. Heilingher, Miss F. Carlofsky, M. Bookman, J. H. Shenkman and D. Slover.

39TH BOY SCOUT TROOP BEING REORGANIZED

Boys from 12 to 16 years of age are invited to join the 39th Jewish Boy Scout Troop which is now undergoing reorganization. The Troop meets every Tuesday evening from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. in the York Street School gymnasium.

Abe Hochberg, a veteran scouter has assumed leadership of the Troop. Call 4-1639 after 6:00 P.M. for further information.

MATZOS AND PASSOVER GOODS ARE AVAILABLE AT

Beckman Bros., 169 York St.

Cantor's Kosher Meat Market,

470 St. Patrick Street.

Dain's Grocery, 408 Rideau Street.

S. Edelson, 154 Friel Street.

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Halison Kosher Meat Market,

25 Nelson Street.

J. Marcovitch, 83 Friel Street.

Ottawa Kosher Meat Market,

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Sugarman's Fine Foods,

384 Rideau Street.

TALMUD TORAH CELEBRATIONS

The Annual Talmud Torah Purim Celebration will be held on Monday, March 14 in the Talmud Torah Auditorium. The early shift pupils will gather at 5:00 P.M., and after the program will go to their respective Synagogues to hear the reading of the Megillah. At 7:30 P.M., the second shift pupils will hold their program and masquerade contest for which prizes will be awarded. The traditional custom of Shalach Monos will be revived in the form of a collection of money which will be sent to less fortunate children overseas. A holiday wall bulletin written and compiled by pupils of different classes will be issued before Purim.

The Sisterhood of the Agudath Achim Congregation is providing the Purim treat.

On Sunday morning, March 27, at 11:00 A.M., the Annual Hescholat Chumash Celebration (Beginning of Chumash Study) will be held in the Auditorium. Thirty-one pupils of the Central Branch and nine pupils of the James St. Branch will begin the study of Chumash.

Parents, relatives and friends are cordially invited to be present at this traditional ceremony.

In the Chamish Osor B'Shvat tree planting campaign, the children have thus far planted a total of seventy trees in Israel.

WITH THE AGUDATH ISRAEL CONGREGATION

West End residents will be pleased to note that a regular daily Minyon has been established at the Agudath Israel Congregation. Services are held in the Synagogue at 8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., and at 6:00 P.M. on Fridays.

A Children's Purim Carnival will be held at the Congregation on Sunday morning, March 20, at 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PURIM CONCERT AND MASQUERADE

On Sunday afternoon, March 13, at 2:30 P.M., the Ottawa Hebrew Sunday School will present its Sixteenth Annual Purim Play and Masquerade in the Vestry Rooms of the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

"Paula in Purim Land" is an original playlet depicting the story of two sisters, played by Ethel Glustein and Penny Goldenberg, who board the "Purim Special" a train (made up of the pre-school class coached by Miss Boss Cardash, Miss Harriet Horwitz and Miss Ruth Zagerman) bound for Purim Land where once again they meet the famous Megillah characters, Esther, Mordecai, Haman and King Ahasuerus, portrayed by the children of Miss Molly Schreiber's class and Miss Beula Goldstein's class. Miss Esther Davis will provide the musical accompaniment and Miss Lil Cardash will act as prompter.

The Sunday School Parents Group will supply the Purim treat.

KINDLING THE SABBATH LIGHTS

"L'Hadlik Neir Shel Shabbos"

SCHEDULE

March 11.....	5:45 p.m.
March 18.....	5:54 p.m.
March 25.....	6:03 p.m.
April 1.....	6:12 p.m.
April 8.....	6:21 p.m.

WEEKLY PORTIONS

March 12

Shabbat Zachor

Torah—"Tzaveh"—(Exodus 27:20—3:10;
Deut. 25:17—19).

Prophets—I Samuel 15:2—34.

Fast of Esther—Monday, March 14, 1949.

Purim—Tuesday, March 15, 1949.

March 19

Shabbat Parah

Torah—"Ki Tise"—(Exodus 30:11—34:35;
Numbers 19:1—22).

Prophets—Ezekiel 36:16—38.

March 26

Shabbat Hachodesh

Torah—"Vayakhel-Pikude"—
(Exodus 35:1—40:38; 12:1—20).

Prophets—Ezekiel 45:16—46:18.

April 2

Torah—"Vayikra"—(Leviticus 1:1—5:26).

Prophets—Isaiah 43:21—44:23.

April 9

Shabbat Hagadol

Torah—"Zav"—(Leviticus 6:1—8:36).

Prophets—Malachi 3:4—24.

HEBREW BENEFIT SOCIETY BRINGING OUTSTANDING JEWISH FILMS TO OTTAWA

For the first time in several years, Ottawa Jewry will have the opportunity of seeing two excellent full-length all-Jewish movies on Wednesday evening, March 16, at 8:30 P.M., in the Somerset Theatre.

"We Live Again," the first post-war Jewish film made featuring an all-star cast will make its initial appearance before a local audience. By popular request, Moyshe Oysher's best, "The Cantor's Son" has been obtained to complete the double bill.

Sponsored by the Ottawa Hebrew Benefit Society, net proceeds of the show will go to the Society's Philanthropic Fund.

Tickets are \$1.00 each and may be obtained from Nelson Drugs, Capitol House, Rideau Smoke Bar, Lang's Barber Shop and Kelman's Book Store.

SINAI CHAPTER OF HADASSAH TO HOLD FASHION SHOW

On Tuesday evening, March 29, at 8:15 P.M., the Sinai Chapter of Hadassah will present "A Showing of Spring and Summer Fashions" at the Assembly Hall, Lansdowne Park. Tea will be served.

Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Ned Adler, telephone 4-1585.

SISTERHOOD NEWS ADATH JESHURUN

A Quiz Program on topics of Jewish interest entitled "Meet the Champs" was held by the Adath Jeshurun Sisterhood on February 23. Mesdames J. Barrett, N. Diamond, S. L. Gertsman and S. J. Ritt were declared the "Champs." Mrs. H. S. Roodman acted as Moderator.

Members are reminded that Purim Services will be held at 5:45 P.M., Monday, March 14, in the Congregation, 375 King Edward Ave. The Megillah will be read at 6:30 P.M. Children are especially invited to be present, and a Purim treat will be presented to each youngster attending.

The Purim Meeting of the Sisterhood will be held on Wednesday afternoon, March 16 at 3:00 P.M., in the form of a Jam Shower, proceeds of which will be turned over to the Ottawa Day Nursery. A humorous Purim playlet entitled "Who Wants to be Haman?" will be presented at that time by Mesdames E. Marks, M. Berlin, I. Wexler, E. Gluck, N. Diamond, D. Rosenes and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shenkman. Mrs. E. L. Lifschutz is in charge, Cantor J. Rabin will lead the meeting in several Purim songs.

AGUDATH ACHIM

The regular monthly meeting of the Agudath Achim Sisterhood was held on February 14 in the Vestry Rooms of the Congregation. Rabbi Emanuel L. Lifschutz delivered an enlightening address on Chamish Osor B'Shvat, the Jewish Arbor Day. A National Film Board presentation entitled "Why Johnny Won't Eat" was also shown. The meeting concluded with the serving of refreshments appropriate to the Festival.

A Purim treat for the children of the Talmud Torah is being planned.

On Sunday evening, March 13th, at 8:30 P.M., the Sisterhood will hold its Annual Shalach Monos Party for men and women in the Vestry Rooms of the Congregation, 417 Rideau Street. An entertaining Purim play will be presented at that time under the direction of Mrs. M. Zbar.

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MARRIAGES

Congratulations are extended to:

Mr. and Mrs. William Gerald Edelstein (nee Frances Solomon of Toronto) who were married February 27 in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Levine (nee Sarah Greenberg) who were married February 15 in the Adath Jeshurun Congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Horvitz (nee Rose Sirkin) who were married February 18 in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stein (nee Sybil Harriet Epstein of Montreal) who were married February 24 in Montreal.

ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations are extended on the engagements of:

Ruth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Agulnik to Maurice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Rischall of St. Paul, Minn. Marriage to take place March 20.

Goldie Reva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bodovsky to Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Applebaum.

Doris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cohen of Twickenham, England to Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Doctor. Marriage to take place in July.

Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Zabitsky of Westmount, Que. to Martin, son of Dr. Harry Dover and the late Mrs. Calla Dover.

SADNESS

The Community mourns the recent loss of the late

Moise Hassine Arnoni

Roselle Hock

May their memory be a blessing. May the Almighty comfort their loved ones.

A THANK YOU NOTE

The family of the late Mrs. Samuel R. (Roselle) Hock would like to thank their many friends and relatives and the community as a whole for their sincere expression of sympathy and the many kindnesses bestowed during their sad recent bereavement.

CRADLE ROLL

Baby daughter Wendy Ellen (Gita Ethel) born February 23 in Detroit, Mich. to Mr. and Mrs. Norman M. Applebaum (nee Henrietta Maxman).

Baby son Donald Edward (Yehuda David) born February 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Borts (nee Bertha Lang).

Baby son John Richard (Yehuda Yitzchok) born February 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob H. Feiner (nee Rose Hyman).

Baby daughter Devra Beth (Devorah) born February 28 to F/L and Mrs. Harry C. Freedman (nee Clara Kaplan).

Baby son Peter Donald (Pesach David) born February 9 in Montreal to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hyman (nee Adelaine Sigler).

Baby daughter Norma Shelly (Nechama) born February 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Lobel (nee Freda Bernstein).

Baby son Allan Jerry (Anshel Yosef) born February 23 to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Marcovitch (nee Rita Kliger).

Baby son Howard Stephen (Hersch Shimmon) born February 25 in Montreal to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pleet (nee Miriam Kahn).

Baby daughter Elaine (Esther) born January 28 in Montreal to Mr. and Mrs. Eli Prashker (nee Betty Butovsky).

Baby daughter Donna Lee born February 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Snipper (nee Shirley Lee Segal).

Baby son Richard (Zvi) born January 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Laurence M. Sugarman (nee Shirley Polowin).

Baby son David Gershon born January 7 in Vancouver, B.C. to Professor and Mrs. Moses W. Steinberg (nee Esther Cohen).

Baby daughter Frances (Fayge) born February 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Max Taller (nee Sally Goren).

BAR-MITZVAH

Congratulations are extended on the occasion of the Bar-Mitzvah of:

Stanley Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Flesher, which was celebrated on Saturday morning, February 26 in the Agudath Israel Congregation.

Morley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Mosion, which will be celebrated on Saturday morning, March 26 in the Agudath Achim Congregation.

EMPTINESS

(From the writings of the late Menahem Boraisha, profound Jewish thinker, essayist and editorial writer for Congress Weekly)

No living body which carries a vacuum within itself can exist. And no body of Jews has ever suffered from such hollowness as does this greatest of Jewish communities. The superabundance of organizations, societies, fraternal orders, benevolent groups, etc., is in itself a result of the attempts of this body to fill in the internal hollowness. Only some of the organizations fill out the social and private life of the Jewish man and woman; others merely cover the emptiness.

Where does this emptiness come from? It comes from a discrepancy between the nature of the Jew as developed during many centuries and the mode of life which is common in this easy-going democracy. Our masses who settled here in the last 60 years came from lands where persecutions, starvation and semi-starvation had been the lot of generations. They experienced hard and bitter beginnings, days of sweat-shops and peddler's aching feet, until they achieved prosperity. This point of satiety and prosperity was the critical point in the life of the individual. At this point the inner makeup of the individual had to assert itself. Men in whom the innate Jewish traits of living with the spiritual, social and national interests of their people predominated, remained the leaders and active members of all organizations and movements. The others who for the first time after many generations got the chance to live a full life of freedom and satisfied appetites gave up all spiritual and communal interests for the sake of material success and enjoyment of life. There were many gradations between the two groups, but the impression prevails even among the staunchest defenders of American Jewry that the group of pleasure seekers still constitutes a large portion of our community.

The transformation of Jews into self-satisfied, life-enjoying and luxury-craving men and women could go on for a generation, for two, for three. It could not go on forever. Tens of thousands could be swept away with the waves of materialism. But thousands were bound to develop a feeling of nausea at their own emptiness and begin seeking for something to fill it with. That was one of the sources of the new search for Jewish content, a source which feeds the restlessness of the upper and lower middle class.

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